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1. WE NOTE REPORT REF B THAT DINI OF IMF TOLD MOBUTU, THAT US HAD BEEN STRONGLY OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE AND THAT UNLESS USG WERE PERSUADED, CHANCES (FOR ZAIRE TO DRAW ON OIL FACILITY) WOULD BE POOR." ACCORDING TO TEMPELSMAN'S REPORT OF SUBSEQUENT MOBUTU CONVERSATION WITH DEVLIN, MOBUTU SEEMS TO HAVE TAKEN THIS TO MEAN THAT US DIRECTOR ON IMF HAS BEEN BLOCKING OIL FACILITY DRAWING FOR ZAIRE SPECIFICALLY.

2. TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT, USG HAS NOT OPPOSED OIL FACILITY DRAWING FOR ZAIRE EITHER FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY.
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THERE HAS IN FACT BEEN NO FORMAL APPLICATION FROM ZAIRE.

DINI MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO EARLIER USG GENERAL
POSITION THAT NORMAL IMF RESOURCES SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT
TO MEET NEEDS. THIS IS NO LONGER USG POSITION, AND USG
DOES NOT OPPOSE CY 1975 OIL FACILITY. INGERSOLL

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